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St. Mary's Hall.

In approaching the close of the eighth year of this Institution, the Bishop of New Jersey acknowledges with gratitude the blessing from the Lord which crowns his labours in its behalf. The term now current, for the first time, finds the building filled. Not to reject, at the next term, many of the numerous applications now received, an enlargement of the buildings will be necessary. This will be done without delay, in good time for the opening of the term; to the great improvement, as well as increase, of the present accommodations of the House. To meet the increased responsibility of greater numbers, and to give the fullest pledge of his devotion to a work, which has gained constantly upon his heart, and which is scarcely second in importance, to the Church and Country, to any thing which he can do, the Bishop, on the first day of May, will go into St. Mary's Hall, as Rector, to take an important part in its instruction, as well as in its oversight and government. The Rev. Mr. Germain will continue to be the Chaplain and Head of the Family; and Mrs. Bishop, as heretofore, will be the Matron. Important improvements, in every department, will be made: and nothing spared, that faithful labours or that fervent prayers can do, to make it most effectual, with His blessing, as a nursery of the Church, to train up Christian women.

Riverside, St. Matthias' Day, 1845.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The regular course of instruction at St. Mary's Hall will include a Primary Department, and a Junior, a Middle, and a Senior Class. The studies of each of the three classes will occupy one year. Applicants will be admitted into the Primary Department, without examination, and at any age. Admission into any of the Classes will be granted to such only as sustain an examination on the studies which precede it. Those who complete the whole course, satisfactorily to the direction of the Institution, will receive, at its close, a testimonial to that effect. The order of the studies will be as follows:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Spelling; Reading; Writing; the four elementary rules, and the tables, in Arithmetic; the Map of the United States; leading events in History, in their chronological order; first lessons in Composition; Linear Drawing; Sacred Music. *Elementary instruction on the Piano, and French Pronunciation*, at the discretion of the Rector.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Spelling; Reading; Writing; Arithmetic, including fractions; Elements of Grammar; Geography of America and Europe; History of the United States; Botany; Exercises in Composition; Sacred Music. *Instruction, in Latin, French, and Drawing, and on the Piano*, at the discretion of the Rector.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Spelling; Reading; Writing; Arithmetic; Grammar, including Parsing; Geography; History of England; Geometry; Botany; Chemistry; Mineralogy; Conchology; Book Keeping; Exercises in Composition; Sacred Music. *Instruction, in Latin, Greek, French, Spanish, Drawing, Painting, on the Piano, and in singing*, at the discretion of the Rector.

SENIOR CLASS.

Elocution; Grammar, including analysis of English Poetry; Rhetoric; Logic; Algebra; Trigonometry; Astronomy, and Astronom-

ical Geography, with the use of the Globes; Chemistry; Geology; Natural Philosophy; Physiology; General History; Exercises in Composition; Sacred Music. *Instruction, in Latin, Greek, Spanish, Italian, German, Drawing, Painting, on the Harp, Piano or Guitar, and in Singing*, at the discretion of the Rector.

Bishop Doane, whose residence the Hall adjoins, will exercise, as Rector, a constant and immediate supervision of its studies and affairs. He will also take charge of the highest English branches, in more especial reference to Criticism and Composition; and will give Lectures on Christian Morals, and on English Literature, with examinations in both. He will continue his Chapel services, on Sunday evenings, as always heretofore.

Such of the pupils as shall have completed the course above stated, or shall sustain an examination on the studies which it includes, and may desire to reside in St. Mary's Hall, and be subject to its discipline, whether to qualify themselves as teachers, or for other cause, may be admitted to do so, on the same terms as the members of the Classes; and may pursue in addition to any of the branches named above, any of the following departments of learning, at the discretion of the Rector: Hebrew; the Greek and Latin Classics; the higher Mathematics; Natural and Intellectual Philosophy; Criticism of English Literature; the Natural Sciences; Ecclesiastical Antiquity and History; the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church.

There are constant Lectures on the various branches of Natural Science, as well as on Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, illustrated by experiments, with a complete apparatus.

The year is divided into two terms and two vacations. The summer Term commences on the first day of May, and the Winter Term on the first day of November. The months of April and October are the vacations. Whole expense, for the term of five months, including every charge, except for Sheet Music, and drawing and painting Materials, $135, payable ALWAYS in advance. The charge for each Vacation, to those who remain at the Hall, will be $10. No bill of any kind, to be contracted by, or for, the pupils.

Address the Rev. R. J. Germain, Chaplain, and Head of the Family, St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey,

St. Mary's Hall.

WINTER TERM, 1844–5.

The Right Rev. George W. Doane, D.D., LL. D., Rector; having charge of the departments of Christian Morals, and English Literature, Criticism and Composition.

The Rev. Reuben J. Germain, Chaplain, and Head of the Family;

The Rev. S. W. Hallowell, English and Philosophical Teacher, and Lecturer in Chemistry and the Natural Sciences;

Lewis J. Germain, Mathematical Teacher;

J. L. H. Ver Mehr, Ph. & LL.D., Teacher of Ancient Languages, and of French and German;

Sig. A. Paladini, Teacher of Italian and Spanish;

G. W. Hewitt, Music Master;

A. B. Engstrom, Drawing Master;

Mrs. Mary Bishop, Matron;

Emilie F. J. Ver Mehr, Governess, and Assistant Teacher in French;

Melicent Lane, Teacher of Music;

Magdalen E. Williston, Teacher of Writing;

Lovina Chamberlain, Assistant Teacher;

Charlotte H. Cronyn, " "

Emily Thompson, " "

Rebecca S. Price, " "

Lydia Ann Germain, " "

Sarah A. Arrington,	*Hilliardston, N. C.*
Elizabeth Arrington,	" "
Mary E. Addoms,	*Brooklyn, L. I.*
Sarah H. Addoms,	" "
Mary Anderson,	*Charleston, S. C.*
Harriet J. Allen,	*Shrewsbury, N. J.*
Ellen L. Bowman,	*Lancaster, Pa.*
Anna M. Burgess,	*New York.*
Isabella S. Borden,	*Toms River, N. J.*
Emily Bucknor,	*New York.*
Adelaide S. Bucknor,	" "
Louisa W. Birdsall,	*Ware Town, N. J.*

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jane Boudinot,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Agnes M. Clark,	*New York.*
Charlotte M. Condit,	*Newark, N. J.*
Elizabeth D. Coward,	*Toms River, N. J.*
Jeannette R. Conover,	*Philadelphia, Pa.*
Elizabeth W. Davis,	*Bangor, Me.*
Martha J. Davis,	" "
A. Frances Davis,	" "
Mary V. Davis,	*Cecil County, Md.*
Ellen M. Dyer,	*White Hall, N. Y.*
Katherine DeKay,	*New York.*
Martha A. Exum,	*Northampton County, N. C.*
Mary Fennell,	*Philadelphia, Pa.*
Charlotte A. Finch,	*Shrewsbury, N. J.*
Sarah J. French,	*Moorestown, N. J.*
Sarah S. Gibson,	*New York.*
Marian A. Greenough,	*Sunbury, Pa.*
Martha W. Grant,	*Enfield, N. C.*
Sarah W. Germain,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Mary E. Germain,	" "
Ellen B. Gunnell,	" "
Louisa Gauntt,	" "
Margaret P. Harris,	*Portsmouth, N. H.*
Cornelia Holbrook,	*Michigan City, Ind.*
Nancy Holbrook,	" "
Eliza W. Hollingshead,	*Philadelphia, Pa.*
Martha Hollingshead,	" "
Anna Hanford,	*St. John's, New Brunswick.*
Sarah Humphreys,	*Greensboro', N. C.*
Cornelia Hollister,	*Circleville, Ohio.*
Deborah A. Hart,	*Philadelphia, Pa.*
Sarah D. Hughlett,	*Easton, Md.*
Sally S. Kennard,	*Eastville, Va.*
Anna W. Kennard,	" "
Sally Ker,	" "
Sidney P. Kleinhans,	*Belvidere, N. J.*
Anna H. Langstaff,	*Mount Holly, N. J.*
Maria M. Lathrop,	*Boston, Mass.*
Emma D. Mulford,	*Philadelphia, Pa.*

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Catharine Marsh,	*Rahway, N. J.*
Mary E. Mallory,	*Germantown, Pa.*
Ellen A. Mallory,	" "
Caroline L. Mitchell,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Antoinette S. Magruder,	*Bardstown, Ky.*
Lavinia Matthews,	*New York.*
Anna W. Milnor,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Susan W. Nichols,	*Greenfield Hill, Ct.*
Hetty Newell,	*Allentown, N. J.*
Amelia Nisbet,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Anna L. Ogilby,	*Bloomingdale, N. Y.*
Mary A. Peers,	*Louisville, Ky.*
Arabella S. Peers,	" "
Marcia R. Parker,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Virginia R. Parker,	" "
Louisa S. Ryall,	*Freehold, N. J.*
Elizabeth J. Rhodes,	*Livingston, Ala,*
Eliza Y. Robertson,	*Binghamton, N. Y.*
Margaret S. H. Robertson,	" "
Ellen M. Reynolds,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Josephine T. Roach,	*New York.*
Caroline A. Sheetz,	*Frankford, Pa.*
Anna M. Smith,	*Kent County, Md.*
Emily Smith,	*Delaware County, Pa.*
Ann Smith,	*Livingston, Ala.*
Amanda Smith,	" "
Sarah A. Sprague,	*Hudson, N. Y.*
Marietta J. Simonds,	*Shoreham, Vt.*
Columbia A. Simonds,	" "
Mary S. Sands,	*Brooklyn, L. I.*
Anna M. B. Shippen,	*Pottsville, Pa.*
Lucy Swayze,	*Hope, N. J.*
Mary Simonson,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Lois Ticknor,	*Salisbury, Conn.*
Ellen G. Todd,	*Washington, D. C.*
Elizabeth B. Thompson,	*New York.*
Elizabeth M. Wall,	*Key West, Fa.*
Caroline E. Woolman,	*Burlington, N. J.*
Sarah B. Woolman,	" "

NOTICES OF ST. MARY'S HALL.

A LETTER FROM THE REV. PAUL TRAPIER,

RECTOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

My Dear Friend,—I comply cheerfully with your request, that I would give you my impressions of the Female School at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey, from a visit to which I have just returned. And a pleasant visit it was; not only from the courteous attentions of the Bishop, who gave us every facility for inspection of the Institution, but from the result of such inspection. For I can say with entire confidence, that so far as I could judge, from all that I saw and heard, the Christian parent who has daughters to entrust to the care of others, can scarce do better than place them under the protection and instruction of the excellent Managers and Teachers of St. Mary's Hall. Our visit was entirely unexpected by them, so that we certainly saw things as they usually are. We were taken over the whole establishment, the sleeping rooms, the refectory, the school rooms, the Chapel, and the play grounds—and every where we discovered the same tokens of neatness and order. The pupils were evidently in their every-day costume, both of exterior and moral conduct, and I was struck with their unaffected and quiet cheerfulness. Their teachers were always in their company. In fact, it is a rule of the school, that to each set of girls a teacher is assigned, who shall have an eye to them in their hours of recreation, as well as of study, and who shall sleep in the same apartment with them. Yet the girls in the presence of these teachers did not seem to be under any restraint; it being the endeavour (and apparently with success) to induce them to regard the teachers rather as friends than spies. Indeed the aspect of the whole establishment is parental rather than scholastic, and Christian throughout, in its influence. Not without discipline: but I was assured that punishment was seldom extended beyond a reprimand from the Principal; or a word from the Bishop. He has the heart of the pupils. They look up to him with a filial reverence; and a word or a look from him has more effect than much harsher remedies under different circumstances. I have good reason to know that the influence for good has reached the hearts of many, who have at various times enjoyed the benefits of the institution; not only in that numbers of them have been confirmed, but that they show by their lives the genuineness of their renewal: as I was assured on the testimony of persons not in any way connected with the school.

I was present during their worship, (which, both morning and evening, is the Daily service,) and I do not know that I have ever witnessed a congregation with more of the outward indications of true devotion: for though the service was long, in comparison with the time usually assigned for family devotion, the behaviour of even the youngest was unexceptionably proper, their looks and postures denoting sincerity and earnestness. I noticed them also in their

hours of recreation; and should judge both by their buoyancy then, and by their general appearance of healthfulness, that due care is taken not to confine them too much, to the injury of their physical constitutions. Of their proficiency in their studies, I was not enabled to judge, the shortness of the time I could afford to be with them, precluding me from attendance on their recitations; but the report I heard of them in this respect is also pleasing.

I may add that the accounts I have heard of the loveliness of the locality are not at all exaggerated. There is a quietness and seclusion, yet a cheerfulness and life, about the very scenery itself, that must have a salutary influence upon the youthful mind. While the vicinity to two large cities, and the facilities of intercommunication, afford advantages not often combined with so rural a retreat. Besides, that in the beautiful grounds of the Bishop, which adjoin and are open to them, the pupils may enjoy freedom without exposure.

Altogether I have seldom been so much pleased with the natural advantages of any place, and never so favourably impressed with the moral and Christian privileges of any institution for female education. And if this expression of my views respecting St. Mary's Hall, shall be the means of inducing any of your friends to avail themselves of its advantages, for the right training of those precious ones, who should be "as the polished corners of the temple," I shall feel glad that your request has led me to write this.

Very affectionately,

June 20, 1842. PAUL TRAPIER.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE REV. B. C. C. PARKER,

OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In conformity with my promise of writing after my visit to this institution, and of communicating my candid opinion of its merits and influence, I address to you this letter, having just spent four days under its roof, and minutely examined, the operation of its details. I bless God that the Church to which we belong, can claim this institution. The plan seems admirably carried out. The government is altogether paternal. There is no need of a scale of merits and delinquencies, of restraints, penalties, or punishments; and there exists none. Moral persuasion and a principle of love seemed to command and actuate obedience. I never saw so many happy faces, so many apparently contented minds, so many industrious and interested scholars, in one establishment, pursuing with such stillness and alacrity their appropriate duties. There is not, that I can hear, a breath of complaint or a sigh of discontent among them all, with respect to their teachers or their circumstances. Their duties are regular, constant, agreeable.

The location of the institution, retired in the extreme, at the near termination of a long avenue on the banks of the river, half a mile from the centre of the town, with a prospect of surpassing loveliness and interest, (the steamboats, vessels and lighter barks from Philadelphia, incessantly gliding by on its pla-

cid waters, within one eighth of a mile from the front door of the Hall, which is intercepted from the edge only by the carriage path,) separated from the town by an intermediate range of summer cottages, of gentlemen of wealth belonging to Philadelphia; you find there all the beauty and loveliness of one of the finest landscapes in the world, and the interest of a busy scene, with none of the exposure of a public location. The city of Burlington, on the Delaware river, is about 18 miles from Philadelphia, and communicates with the city four times a day, each way. I arrived here after the recitations in the afternoon were over, (the study hours and recitation duties occupy from half past eight A. M., to 5 o'clock P. M., with 2½ hours for dinner and recess,) and was invited to join the circle at tea. Sixty-one persons, including nine instructresses, instructors, and members of the household, sat down with us. All seemed to reach their place with the decorum of the drawing-room, without the least monition, or other warning than three strokes of the bell. A solemn silence then prevailed. Grace was said by the excellent Principal. No boisterous mirth or even loud talking was heard. The deportment of every young lady seemed that of the gentleness and sweetness of her sex, tempered by the affability of good breeding, and the buoyancy of the spirit of her age. I was indeed most charmed with this scene, for there is not the least restriction in the matter. It is a conventional habit, and the decorum of polished young ladies that dictate it. I have known institutions, in which a smile or a laugh, by a most unhappy system of espionage, has been made the subject of severe reprehension. Here was none of that misjudged and deleterious restraint; you saw rather the ease of good manners, with the affability they dictate. The instructresses, I thought I could perceive, were without exception regarded and treated as beloved elder sisters. The meal being ended, after thanks were returned, in which I could hear almost every one respond softly, Amen; all dispersed without noise, without indecorous haste, without seeming like persons just set at liberty. There was now to be another recess until half-past eight o'clock in the evening. Some, I observed soon after in front of the Hall, or walking on the prescribed promenade on the banks, in the bend of this beautiful river, commanding a view both up and down; three houses beyond the Hall in one direction, and the boundaries of the Bishop's house and lawn on the other.

At half-past 8 o'clock, all again assembled, as in the morning, in their places in the chapel, for prayers. The whole daily evening service of our Church was now performed by the Principal, in the surplice. It was truly a religious service. In the most decorous congregations of our cities, I have never seen more solemnity and apparent devotion. Every young lady was on her knees, at her desk, during the prayers. The two chapters of the Bible for the day were read, the chants were sung most delightfully, accompanied or rather led by one of the instructresses, an accomplished female, educated in England, on the organ, and every gentle voice was distinctly heard in the responses: there seemed no fatigue, no listlessness, no weariness. After the benediction, all came up to the Principal, and bade him good night: as they passed, each one kissed the female teachers, and instantly with them retired to their dormitories. One

quarter of an hour, I was told, is allowed at this time for private religious exercises, and then the lights in the building, where all have now retired, are extinguished. After this moment, I perceived that the silence of midnight prevailed in the whole dwelling, until five the next morning. The morning bell then rang. An hour is allowed for dressing and devotion, and at six o'clock precisely, at three strokes of the bell, every member of the household, in three minutes, were seen at their appropriate places, in the chapel; assembling without noise, without haste, without the unbecoming confusion of a hurried step. On Sunday evenings, I am told, the Bishop comes in, and lectures familiarly on the duties of the Christian and domestic life. His object is to rear these females up for Christian mothers, and Christian daughters, who may be as the polished corners of the temple. The Rev. Mr. Germain, who has the entire control of the institution, I consider as most admirably adapted to his station. All love, respect, and esteem him. His disapprobation is the greatest punishment that is known within these walls. An unruly, or disobedient, or ill bred child, seems soon overawed or influenced by the prevailing atmosphere which she breathes. The young ladies never go into the town without being in the company of one of the female instructors, whose society seems quite as desirable as that of their companions. No clannish spirit, no separate interest, no jarring passion, seems here to prevail; all that I observed, was harmony, happiness, peace and love. There is a certain something which pervades the whole community, and binds them together in affection and interest. I cannot explain it; I cannot understand it, unless it is the hallowed influence of those religious services which so often unite them together on their knees, around the throne of God. It is truly a house of devotion and prayer, as well as a seminary for intellectual improvement. I do not think the Churches in general, and the members of our communion, have ever seen more exemplified the hallowed power of a Christian seminary over the heart. The government, that of love; the instruction, that of the soundest wisdom and philosophy; and the intercourse of all the young ladies, that of refinement and affection. Indeed, my dear Madam, I can hardly express to you my admiration of the working of the whole machinery of the institution.

July, 1842.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE REV. M. H. HENDERSON,

RECTOR OF TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK, TO A PARISHIONER.

The impression left upon my mind by my recent visit to that Institution (St. Mary's Hall) it is not easy to describe. I was there during the course of the ordinary exercises, and was present at their common daily recitations. I had full opportunity therefore of seeing and testing the remarkable efficiency of the system of education which is there pursued. St. Mary's Hall, I can assure you, is no "sham." It is solid reality. It does what it professes to do. It makes finished scholars. It instils Christian principles; and if the pupils there educated do not exert a strong and salutary influence in their after life, what-

ever the situation in which they may be placed, it will be no fault of the Institution. But let me tell you what I saw, and what I heard. I saw more than fifty girls, of all ages, from ten to twenty, united together under the care of the Matron, (Mrs. Bishop, a mother indeed to all,) and their teachers; as a single family, all happy, all at home: and I was present at recitations in Geometry, Algebra, and the Ancient Languages; and heard girls, pupils of that Institution, recite and solve problems and questions, and read and parse the Latin Language, (Livy) with a promptness and clearness of apprehension that would have done credit to the higher classes of any of our Colleges. Their proficiency in the mathematical department, was rendered the more striking, from a brief examination, which, at the request of the accomplished Instructor in that branch of science, (Mr. Germain, brother of the Principal of the Institution,) I made myself, on such parts and problems, as I thought proper to select. And so with the Languages. Whether it be true or not, that the female sex hath the greater facility, in the matter of "tongues," most true it is that the same proficiency, is not always found within the walls of the far-famed College. I should be reluctant to mention, the large portion, (Virgil, for instance) which some of the girls have prepared for a single Recitation, lest I might seem to speak extravagantly. The Rev. Mr. Dowdney, of New York, who had visited the School previously, and heard recitations in the Greek Language, bears the same strong testimony to the excellence of the Institution, and the proficiency of the pupils in that department. No one indeed can visit the School, and become at all acquainted with its workings and details, and not carry away with him the strong conviction that St. Mary's Hall is among the first institutions of our country. It would of course be unnecessary to say that the same thorough instruction is given in the minor and ordinary Branches of an English Education; as also in the Modern Languages. The Lecture on Chemistry, by the Rev. Mr. Hallowell, one of a course to be delivered during the season, attended with several experiments, was full of interest and instruction. But this is perhaps the least of its recommendations, that it reaches a high grade of scholarship. It teaches the heart. It schools the life. It regulates the temper. It instils Christian principles. And while it treats children as children, making the very youngest feel at home and happy in their childish sports; so does it fit them all, by the best training, for the sober duties, and solid realities of life. I can indeed hardly find language to express my deep convictions as to the effect of its moral culture upon the pupils of this Institution. Suffice it to say, that St. Mary's Hall, to all that are within its walls, is a Christian Home, where every child is watched and cherished as with a mother's love, and all are taught, as with a father's pious care, the great principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I had known much of this Institution before; I had been with them in their seasons of recreation, and in their hour of prayer, in their beautiful garden and sweet little Chapel, on the week day, and on the Lord's day. I had been in their Lecture room and in their parlour; had heard their music and their recitations; and I felt, that for a parent, to have his daughter at such an Institution, was a privilege of no common order. Yet I confess I had no idea of the

perfection, and thorough efficiency of the system, till my recent visit. You will not be surprised, therefore, that I do most earnestly recommend it, to any parent who may wish to place his daughter, where she may reeeive all the advantages of a Christian Education.—*N. Y. Express.*

February, 1844.

FROM THE CHURCHMAN.

Mr. Editor:—It was my privilege a short time since, to spend the greater part of three days at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington. For this Institution, the Church is mainly indebted, as your readers are generally aware, to the Bishop of New Jersey. In his zeal for the cause of education, he was led, soon after his removal to the diocese, to form and execute a plan for the instruction of females upon Christian and Church principles. The excellence of the plan may be seen in the character and results which distinguish this Seminary. Having myself had some experience in teaching, I am able to judge as to the practical working of the system there pursued. As my visit was entirely unexpected, I saw the institution under the best circumstances for forming a correct opinion. I was present at most of the recitations; and I must here record my strong belief, that there is no school throughout our land, which more truly deserves the patronage that it begins, I am glad to say, to receive. Allow me to give, in a few words, my reasons for being so favorably impressed with the superiority of St. Mary's Hall. It is not in the beauty and healthiness of the situation, scarcely equalled as it is, that its advantage consists; but in the thorough instruction, in the mild but efficient discipline, in the care with which sound morals are inculeated, and in that religious influence which seems to pervade St. Mary's Hall. It is a Christian home—a home such as every judicious parent is anxious to seeure for his child, sent away to be trained for usefulness and honor in the Church and in the world.

The proficiency of the scholars not only in their elementary studies, but also in Mathematics and in the ancient languages, surprised me. There was a clearness and promptitude in analysis, on the part of a class in the seventh book of the Æneid, which showed that great pains had been taken to ground them in the syntax. Their lessons were the usual ones, prepared for the day, without any expectation of being questioned by a stranger. The same readiness and diligent study were evident in the Greek Reader. There was also a large class in Day's Algebra and in Euclid; in which there were some who had commenced these abstruse sciences only at the be inning of the term, but who were quite expert in Simple and Quadratic Equations, and in solving difficult problems. With such improvement, in so short a time, I was indeed surprised. During my visit, I saw the pupils at their recitations, at study, at table, and at their recreations; and I had the privilege on two occasions of eonducting their worship, in the prescribed service of the Church for Evening Prayer. "Daily Morning and Evening Prayer" is said in the chapel, throughout the year. The present is the fifth year in which the present Principal and Chaplain has observed this

"order" of the Church. The hours of service are such that no other duty is interfered with. The chants were sweetly sung to an organ accompaniment, and the responses were audibly and devoutly made by every worshipper. To the solemn and chastening influence of the Daily Service may be attributed, I douht not, the freedom from levity and noise which was at all times manifest. Of the thorough qualifications of the Principal, of the ability of the Teachers, and of the kindness and refinement of the Matron, I need not speak, for their works praise them. There was a unity of purpose and of action, producing a pleasing harmony throughout, which soon fixed my attention. All were as one family, united in sacred and endearing bonds; and I could not but think that if peace and joy reigned any where, they reigned within these walls. Many a wife and mother will have cause to be thankful for the instruction both in science and religion, of St. Mary's Hall. A large number of the former pupils have, during their connection with it, been confirmed by the Bishop—another proof of the value and efficacy of their means of improvement.

For one I rejoice that we have such an institution, and am grateful to the Bishop of New Jersey for his labours and sacrifices, in the accomplishment of his fondly cherished object. Schools like this are the chief want of the Church. Their influence reaches into eternity. If we wish our sons and daughters to he trained aright, we must educate them within the Church, and not place them, as some do, under influences alien to her spirit and teaching. Let it be our endeavour then to found and sustain them.

Yours affectionately,

A Presbyter of New York.

January 15, 1844.

LETTER FROM THE REV. PALMER DYER,

OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK.

My Dear Sir,—I came here a few days since, to visit my dear daughter, who has, for a year past, been prosecuting her studies in St. Mary's Hall. The examination of the pupils at the close of the Term, occupied three days. I arrived only in season to be present on the last day, when I attended the examinations in Chemistry, Geology, and Book-keeping. About a dozen from among the best original compositions of the young ladies were read, exhibiting a clearness and depth of thought, in connexion with a well cultivated imagination and a refined taste, surpassing my anticipations. Their language and style were felicitous, and their sentiments such as evinced affectionate hearts, as well as disciplined minds.

I was much pleased with the examinations which I witnessed. They were exceedingly interesting, and were creditable alike to the pupils and to their various teachers. But what delighted me most of all, was the unaffected, uniform cheerfulness, kindness and affection, which characterized the whole family of St. Mary's. There is no disagreeable stiffness of formality about them. Their manners are artless, frank, social, bland, and winning, with the same freedom

from constraint that they would exhibit in their mothers' drawing rooms. This happy ease of manners is produced by the constant friendly and familiar intercourse between the excellent teachers and the pupils; and by the very extensive influence upon their hearts of that holy religion which teaches courtesy, kindness, cheerfulness and love.

After the examinations, the teachers and pupils sang, accompanied by the organ, an affectionate parting hymn, composed for the occasion by one of the female teachers. It was a deeply interesting scene. My own eyes, and those of many others were suffused with tears.

About 9 o'clock in the evening, the family of St. Mary's Hall again assembled in the chapel of the Seminary, and the Reverend Principal performed the regular Evening Service; at the close of which, as he stood in his robes by the side of the Desk, the pupils all passed him, one by one, taking his hand, and bidding him good night.

I cannot, my dear sir, conceive of a better institution than this for the training up of girls. To their health, to their physical, social, moral and religious culture, every attention is given that the fondest parents could desire. The education afforded to them is a sound and thorough one; at the same time, all the ornamental branches, and all womanly accomplishments, are duly attended to. In respect to religious advantages, few if any of the girls could enjoy as great in the most favored homes. I will only state one fact in reference to this matter, and that will be sufficient. On the last Sunday of the Term, Bishop Doane, who is not only the Patron of the School, but also the Pastor of the pupils, confirmed thirteen of them, and admitted sixteen of them to their first Communion; and there are now among them about forty Communicants of the Church.

To conclude. I shall consider myself instrumental in conferring the highest blessings upon all young ladies whom I can be the means of introducing into this Christian School. If you would give your daughters a sound education—if you would render them accomplished women—if you would place them in a school where they will, in every respect, be as perfectly safe, and as well cared for in sickness and in health, as they would be under your own roof—if you would have them trained up in the way they should go, and become well instructed and established members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, devout and consistent, cheerful and happy Christians—send them to be educated at St. Mary's Hall.

Bishop Doane, the Rev. Mr. Germain, and the teachers in this Institution cannot fail, by God's blessing, to confer upon the Church throughout the land, incalculable and lasting benefits, by means of the multitudes of young ladies who are here educated in sound principles, and then dispersed through the length and breadth of the country, to exercise, in their respective spheres of life, the happy influence, for which, such an education qualifies and disposes them.

Most truly and affectionately yours,

Burlington, March 29, 1844. PALMER DYER.